



Unit 6

“News you can Use”



Oct 23, 2009

Quick Notes

- Ms. Stokes' Physical Education students will be starting their swim unit the week of Nov. 2nd. Please remember to send your child with a bathing suit and towel. Two piece bathing suits are not allowed, but t-shirts may be worn over suits.
- On Tuesday, the second AIM (Achievement is Meaningful) session will begin. For a two week period, students who are referred stay after school in order to complete assignments and raise their grades. This is not to be viewed as a punishment, but rather an opportunity to raise their grade above a “D” or “F.” For more information, please see the November IMMS Newsletter, which will be available on Infinite Campus beginning on Oct. 29th.
- The annual Unit VI fundraiser will be starting on Monday, October 26th. Monies raised will go towards offsetting the costs of Timber-lee and for funding prizes for our Money Unit auction. Please look for packets to come home on Monday, and thanks for any support you are able to offer.
- The first school dance will be on Tuesday, Nov. 3rd from 3:30 – 5:50. The dance will be in the lunchroom and there will also be an open gym. Tickets cost \$4.00 and can be purchased prior to the dance or at the door. Students with tickets will be allowed in first. Pizza and pop will also be available for purchase. Students who bring in food donations for the McFarland Food Pantry will receive one raffle ticket per item.
- Please remember that there is no school on Thursday, Oct. 29th and Friday, October 30th due to teacher conventions.

Reading

- The book Esperanza Rising is drawing to a close. Students will be tested on the entire book before the first quarter ends on November 5th.
- Accelerated Reader goals also need to be met by November 5th, and students should be reading in their spare time.

Math (Garvey)

- Students are working their way through Chapter Two, which is a chapter dealing with variables. Today we began discussing the Pythagorean Theorem. This can be found in lesson 2-5 in the Transitions math book.

Math (Merow/Bubon/Gallagher)

- Students have completed their unit called "Data About Us".
- We will begin a statistical investigation about what typical sixth grader like. Students will collect data, analyze their data, and interpret the results.

Science

- The Heat is On! Students are actively involved in a heat energy unit. We have been focusing on the different methods of heat transfer.
- We will be designing and creating posters early next week, so if you have magazines you could send to school that would be appreciated. These will be used to cut out pictures. Thanks in advance for any magazines you can send in.

Social Studies

- Social Studies: The study of Human Geography is our focus in social studies. We are examining culture, cultural change and diffusion, economic systems, government systems and migration in order to better understand the complexity of connections in the world today.

Language Arts

- Language Arts: Students are working on identifying various forms of verbs, and using those verbs in writing poetry. We will be reading and writing poetry in our classes which will result in a poetry portfolio that will be due in late November.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>Sept. 28 6:00 IMMS PSC</i>			<i>1</i>	<i>2 BANNER DAY!</i>	<i>3 Mcfarland Family Festival</i>
<i>4 Family Festival</i>	<i>5 Spirit Week Begins Clash Day</i>	<i>6 Jersey Day</i>	<i>7 Color or Twin Day (RED)</i>	<i>8 PJ Day</i>	<i>9 Blue And White Day</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14 Student of the Month</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21 Market Day Pick-up</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>25</i>	<i>26 IMMS PSC 6:00</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29 No School</i>	<i>30 No School</i>	<i>31</i>